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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0907

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for SR 426/CR 419 road widening and complete streets improvements. Seminole County, FL in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Seminole County Government and the City of Oviedo located at 1101 East 1st Street, Sanford, FL 32771.

The funding would be used to complete the third and final phase of the SR 426/CR 419 Road Widening and Complete Streets Improvements project. It begins at Pine Avenue, west of Oviedo High School, and runs east to Bishop Avenue. Phase 3 spans approximately 1.5 miles on CR 419 from Avenue B, at Jackson Heights Middle School, east to Bishop Avenue. This phase will enhance public safety, multimodal capacity, and movement in the corridor. Phase 3 consists of the construction and widening of 1.5 miles of roadway, a closed drainage system, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and a connection to a regional multipurpose recreational trail. The requested funding will support the planning, design, and environmental review stages of Phase 3.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses area growth, safety, environmental, and equity conditions along a congested transportation corridor. As eastern Orange County, southeastern Seminole County, and the City of Oviedo continue to develop and grow in population, increasing the capacity of the complete transportation network is vital for the safety and economic growth of the community.

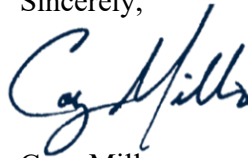
This project intends to increase safety for all modes of transportation and to enhance traffic flow. Additionally, as travel demand increases in this area, the regional transportation network requires expansion to facilitate corridor mobility and safety, ultimately improving multimodal service levels.

Completing the overall SR 426/CR 419 Widening and Complete Street Improvements project will increase capacity, enhance traffic flow, and improve safety for various modes of transportation and pedestrians. The enhanced drainage system will contribute towards environmental sustainability by protecting natural resources along the corridor. Including sidewalks and the connection to the multipurpose trail contributes to quality-of-life enhancements. The existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities are not connected to the area's active transportation network, and the sidewalks do not provide continuity on each side of the roadway. Phase 3 of this project will improve all these aspects, ultimately leading to advanced efficiencies and economic competitiveness.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cory" and last name "Mills" clearly distinguishable.

Cory Mills
Member of Congress